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message that the girl of his heart was alone in the world. Harry turned to Stayne with a white face. "I'm going to save her," he cried. "Wait for us." And he dashed out the two doors.

Harry gave his directions tersely; he offered a large bonus to the chauffeur to take the two cars to the house that lay past the Mason home, breaking all speed laws.

But Harry was to know the bitter-ness of the burst. It required some time to fix it, and all the while he was conjuring up the most terrible scenes.

Ferry Mason's actions held Lima's attention much as the motions of a snake fascinate a helpless bird. He was not to know why, but he knew what he was planning. He attached a tube leading from the bundle of silk to one of the car's headlights. He began to crawl, to assume large proportions and to take the form of a balloon which, fastened to the car, he filled and rose toward the glass

TIED TO BALLOON.

Deliberately the inventor fastened the large rope around the young woman's waist, and as she gazed, terror-stricken, the tube was attached to another tank and soon filling out, tugged at the small cord like an animated thing.

Perry Mason surveyed his work with evident pride.

"I am fastening you to the balloon, young woman," he said calmly, "and when it is fully inflated I shall cut the cord and set it free. Meanwhile I shall pour a little acid on the rope that holds you, and by the time the balloon reaches the ocean, if the present wind holds, the acid will have eaten through the rope and you will be dropped among the fishes."

Harry Drake, his alto rushing toward the Mason house, looked up at the moonlight. He was almost too dazed to think. He could do nothing. He stopped the car and yelled, "The hammer's gone!" The car was whirling round and round, disappearing toward the ocean.

Harry Drake sank into the founneau, recognizing it was unable to move.

(To be continued next week.)

'SIT UP, I WANT TO SHOOT YOU,' SAID BUTTE WIFE

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 14.—They do things with poise and deliberation in the William Blake household. Here is a recent incident, as described by Blake himself before his death in the St. James Hospital.

The cigarette lit, he wanted prayers. While friend wife prayed Blake attempted to wrest the gun from her. In the struggle he was shot.

COMMON LAW WIFE NO

EXCUSE FOR EXEMPTION

TOWANDA, Pa., Oct. 14.—Local draft board No. 2 has made a ruling in case of a man who claims exemption on grounds that he has a dependent common-law wife. The board rules that

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